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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 4179

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, NP
SUBJECT: BOEING REVELATIONS

REF: KATHMANDU 4158 AND 4133

1. WITH THE FORMATION OF A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE ALLEGED BOEING PAY-OFF OF ONE OR MORE RNAC BOARD MEMBERS IN 1972, IT APPEARS CERTAIN THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ASSIST THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION. INQUIRIES MIGHT COME THROUGH THE NEPALESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OR TO EMBASSY KATHMANDU FROM THE COMMISSION VIA THE GON.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE BOEING ALLEGATIONS ARE CONTAINED IN A REPORT OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THIS REPORT IS BEING HANDLED IN WASHINGTON, AND WE RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL DELICACY OF DEALING WITH INFORMATION OF THIS KIND. WE NONETHELESS HOPE THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO EXTEND THE FULLEST COOPERATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NEPAL AS IT MAKES A SERIOUS EFFORT TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPTION, AN EFFORT THAT IS PART AND PARCEL OF NEPAL'S WISH TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL, IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING US WITH ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION TOUCHING ON NEPAL IN THE SEC REPORT AND AUTHORIZING US TO PASS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE GON ON REQUEST. WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN BE EQUALLY FORTHCOMING SHOULD THE QUESTION BE RAISED

BY THE NEPALESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

4. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THE NEPALESE AMBASSADOR, GENERAL KHATRI, WAS A MEMBER OF THE RNAC BOARD AT THE TIME THE BOEING PAYMENTS WERE ALLEGEDLY MADE. IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO INDICATE THAT GENERAWIKHATRI WAS INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIR, IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE FOR THAT INFORMATION TO BE CONVEYED TO THE EMBASSY RATHER THAN PASSED IN WASHINGTON. HECK

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